

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the current status of suicide prevention programs in the military. Testimony was heard from Major General Thomas P. Bostick USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Jonathan Woodson MD, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Rear Admiral Anthony M. Kurta USN, Director, Military Personnel, Plans and Policy, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force.

ASBESTOS COMPENSATION SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution held a hearing entitled "How Fraud and Abuse in the Asbestos Compensation System Affect Victims, Jobs, the Economy, and the Legal System." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW AND STATUS OF SEC. 390 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS OF THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled "Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005." Testimony was heard from Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; legislation regarding the "Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act"; and legislation regarding the "Cabin Fee Act of 2011". Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Depart-

ment of Agriculture; Bob Ratcliffe, Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

IMPACT HEALTH CARE CONSOLIDATION IS HAVING ON THE COST OF PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the impact health care consolidation is having on the cost of private health insurance, Medicare spending, and beneficiary costs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 12 through September 17, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 13, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

September 14, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, business meeting to markup the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Financial Services and General Government, 11:15 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

September 14, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine general and flag officer requirements, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 13, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on if there should be a government guarantee, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 14, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

September 14, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: September 15, to hold hearings to examine policy prescriptions for the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 14, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 4 p.m., SD-215.

September 13, Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine whether there is a role for tax reform in comprehensive deficit reduction and United States fiscal policy, 2 p.m., SD-215.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, and Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 13, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine poverty, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 13, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if we are safer, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 13, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine agro-defense, focusing on responding to threats against America's agriculture and food system, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

September 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2011", 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 15, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act", focusing on renewing the commitment to victims of human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, an original bill entitled, "Personal Data Protection and Breach Accountability Act of 2011," and the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: September 15, to hold hearings to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small businesses in rebuilding their communities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 13, to hold a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, 9:30 a.m., HVC-210.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 13, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and

Foreign Agriculture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the examination of the issue of feed availability and its effect on the livestock and poultry industries, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 13, full Committee, hearing on the Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Outside Experts, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 15, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform, hearing on organizational challenges in achieving sound financial management and audit readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on sustaining GPS for national security, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Need for Pro-Growth Tax Reform.” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 13, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Workforce Challenges Facing the Agriculture Industry.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Public School Accountability.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 13, Subcommittee on Energy, markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011;” and H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the American Energy Initiative with a focus on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency’s new and proposed power sector regulations on electric reliability, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Solyndra and The DOE Loan Guarantee Program.” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Internet Privacy: The Impact and Burden of EU Regulation.” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Cutting the Red Tape: Saving Jobs from PPACA’s Harmful Regulations.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 13, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Ensuring Appropriate Regulatory Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Legislative Proposals to Improve Investment Adviser Oversight.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “Road Map to Sound Money: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1098 and Restoring the Dollar.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Threats to the Financial Sector.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “HUD and NeighborWorks Housing Counseling Oversight.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 13, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, joint hearing entitled “Has Mérida Evolved? Part One: The Evolution of Drug Cartels and the Threat to Mexico’s Governance.” 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Peace? Reexamining U.S. Aid to the Palestinian Authority, Part II.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on U.S.-India Counterterrorism Cooperation: Deepening the Partnership, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 13, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit our Visa System?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 14, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “United States Secret Service: Examining Protective and Investigative Missions and Challenges in 2012”. 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “The Investor Visa Program: Key to Creating American Jobs.” 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 302, the “Preserve Land Freedom for Americans Act of 2011”; H.R. 758, the “National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, the “Montana Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 846, the “Idaho Land Sovereignty Act”; and H.R. 2147, the “Utah Land Sovereignty Act.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2360, the “Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act” (POWER Act); H.R. 2752, the “BLM Live Internet Auctions Act”; and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey,

and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled, “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 200, the “Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2842, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011.” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011”; H.R. 2351, the “North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act”; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside; H.R. 2606, the “New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 2687, the “Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 13, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Over-

sight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “Take Two: The President’s Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “How a Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of the Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to Combat Corruption?” 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “STEM in Action: Inspiring the Science and Engineering Workforce of Tomorrow.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Out of Thin Air: EPA’s Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.” 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Beyond the Size Standards: Sustainability of Small Business Graduates.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges within Programs Designed to Assist Small Contractors.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 13, full Committee, hearing on Veterans Employment Summit, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the history and drivers of our nation’s debt and its threat, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.